

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants have reviewed, with appreciation of the Examiner's thorough examination, the final Office Action mailed September 20, 2006. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 7, 9-12, 14, 17-18, 20, 22-24, canceled Claims 13, 15, 21, and added Claims 25, 26. As a result, Claims 1-12, 14, 16-26 are all the claims currently pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

#### **I. Formal Matters**

##### **A. Summary of Interview**

During a recent interview regarding the present application, Applicants discussed with the Examiner several possible amendments to the pending claims, particularly Claim 1. Applicants truly appreciate the Examiner's comments regarding the proposed amendments.

##### **B. Request for Continued Examination**

Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination of the pending application and requisite fee.

#### **II Art Rejections**

##### **A. 102(a) Rejection in view of Windows**

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Screen Dumps of Windows Media Player 9 used on Windows XP ("Windows"). Claim 1 is an independent claim. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons stated below.

To be an "anticipation" rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the reference must teach every element and recitation of the Applicants' claims. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are proper

only when the claimed subject matter is identically disclosed or described in the prior art. Thus, the reference must clearly and unequivocally disclose every element and recitation of the claimed invention.

Windows is directed towards a windowing system that includes a display region, a desktop region, and a taskbar region. Windows is also directed towards an application that displays and/or plays various media formats. The Examiner relied upon the taskbar region, which usually sits at the bottom of the windows display region, as anticipating the claimed “taskbar region” or “sharer taskbar region” in the pending claims. Applicants respectfully disagree because this taskbar region corresponds to the Toolbar Region 107 as shown in Figure 1 of the present application, and this Toolbar regions 107 is clearly different from the Taskbar Region 101, which is the actual claimed element. *See* Figure 1 of the application. To further distinguish the current application from Windows, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to include a limitation of “wherein ... at least a portion of the desktop region can be shared by a local user of the user interface with a remote user in a multimedia collaborative session, and no portion of the taskbar region is visible or accessible to the remote user.” Applicants hereby respectfully submit that at least this limitation in Claim 1, in addition to many other limitations, is not disclosed, suggested or indicated in Windows. Given that Windows fails to disclose each and every element of independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) rejection of Claim 1. Since Claims 2-12, 14, 16 and 25 are dependent upon independent claim 1, for the same reasons stated regarding Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-12, 14, 16 and 25 are in condition for allowance. In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the 102(a) rejection based on Windows be reconsidered and withdrawn.

B. 102(b) Rejection in view of Rodgers

Claims 17-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rodgers et al, U.S. Pre Grant Publication # 2002/0026478 (“Rodgers”). Claims 17 and 22 are independent claims. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons stated below.

Rodgers is generally directed towards methods and systems for facilitating the formation and maintenance of multi-user linked groups. *See, e.g.*, Rodgers Abstract. More specifically, Rodgers is directed towards a method of automatically launching and linking a third-party application on a first computer to a corresponding application on a second computer, and systems capable of performing this method *See, e.g.*, Rodgers paragraph 11; Fig. 3. Numerous variations to the method and systems are disclosed, including methods for generating and communicating links, and varying functionality of the linking software *See, e.g.*, Rodgers paragraphs 13- 20.

Applicants respectfully submit that Rodgers fails to disclose or suggest many distinctive features of the present application, which are more clearly reflected in currently pending Claims 17-24, as amended. For example, Rodger does not teach or suggest “wherein at least a portion of the sharer desktop region can be viewed in the viewer display region, and no portion of the sharer taskbar region is accessible or visible to the remote multimedia device” in independent Claim 17, or “sharing at least a portion of the sharer desktop region of the local multimedia device with the remote multimedia device, while preventing any portion of the taskbar region from being shared with the remote multimedia device” in independent Claim 22. In addition, Rodger does not teach or suggest limitations in the dependent claims 16-21, 23-26, including, but not limited to, the limitation of “at least a portion of the viewer desktop region corresponds to ... the portion of the sharer desktop region that is being shared with the remote multimedia device” as recited in Claim 20, the limitation of “...there is no overlap between the taskbar region and the desktop region ...” as recited in Claim 26.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Rodgers fails to disclose each limitation of independent claims 17 and 22. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of Claims 17, 22 and all other claims dependent therefrom.

### III. Conclusion

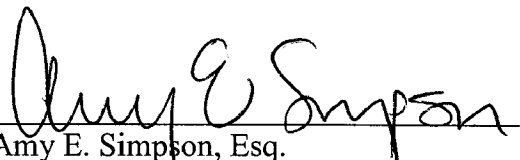
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination, along with the requisite fee. Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2613 (Order Number 45098.00017.UTL1.P1068).

Respectfully Submitted,

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